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Phase II of automated trash pick-up to begin in September

LĪHU'E – County officials announced that the next phase of the automated refuse collection program will be rolled out in September, which will result in half the number of residences on Kaua'i having automated service.

An estimated 6,500 households in Anahola, Kapa'a, Kapahi, Wailua Homesteads, and parts of Hanamā'ulu will be converted to the automated refuse program starting the week of Sept. 5.

Affected residents should confirm their collection date by the end of August.

"Eventually, most households will have automated trash pick-up as we continue to roll out the program over the next several years," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.

Noting the advantages of automated refuse collection, the mayor said that the program has made it safer for refuse workers and has increased efficiency and overall productivity.

Beginning this weekend, the county's Solid Waste staff will be going door to door to deliver the new refuse carts that are specially designed for automated trash pick-up, along with brochures that explain how the program works.

To facilitate the distribution of refuse carts, residents should make sure their street address is clearly marked on their home.

The new carts have a 96-gallon capacity, which is equivalent to the three 32-gallon containers in the manual curbside collection program.

Although the carts are being distributed now, residents should continue to use their regular garbage containers until the automated collection begins. The new carts are designed to only work with a specialized side-loader refuse truck with a mechanical arm.

Along with the start of the next phase of the automated refuse collection program, the schedule for rubbish pickup may change starting Sept. 5 for residences in other parts of the island – even those that are not yet converting to the automated program.

Residents with a change in service day will be notified directly prior to the change.

Information regarding trash collection changes may also be accessed on the county website by logging on to www.kauai.gov/refusecollection, and clicking on the Refuse Collection Day Lookup link.

For more information, please call 241-4895 or 241-4091.

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